

ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 327 - Brightest and best (tune: Epiphany – no 240)

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 60 : 1 - 6

PSALM 72 : 1 – 7, 10 - 14

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 **May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**
- 3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- 10 **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**
- 11 May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.
- 12 **For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.**
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14 **From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Ephesians 3 : 1 - 12

ANTHEM

Joy to the world – arr. John Rutter (b.1945)

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

*after the reading:*

For the Word of God in Scripture;  
for the Word of God among us;  
for the Word of God within us:  
**thanks be to God.**

SERMON

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried:  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING

*(you are invited to remain standing)*

**Grateful for your generous providing, O Lord,  
we present these our offerings.  
With these gifts we renew our vocation:  
to speak and to act so God's gospel is known,  
to live and to work so God's justice is done,  
to love and to serve so God's world is blessed.  
By your Spirit strengthen us in our calling, we pray.  
Amen.**

HYMN 326 – As with gladness

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,

**grant us peace.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

In the bleak midwinter – Harold Darke (1888-1976)

SHARING THE PEACE

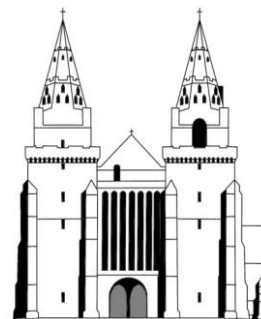
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

RECESSIONAL

Puer nobis – Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL  
OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship - Feast of the Epiphany  
Communion

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11.00 am

Conducted by the Rev Sarah Brown

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Auprès de la creche – Hedwige Chrétien (1859-1944)

Berceuse de l'Enfant Jésus – Hedwige Chrétien

INTROIT

Introit for Epiphany – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: We three kings – *see separate sheet*

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*During which we sing:*

Choir: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy  
Congregation: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy